



THE TREE OF DEATH

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What we know of the tree of life

- We first come across this tree in the beginning where no sin was present. **Gen. 2:9**
- It was in the midst of the garden where man lived and was freely able to partake.
- Because of sin (**Gen. 3:24**) we don't see this tree again until once again, no sin is present among God's children. **Rev. 22:2**

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So, what's the “tree of death”

- You're not going to find it labeled that way in the Bible.
- Yet, it presided right next to the “tree of life”
- This is referred to as the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” ... but it represents so much more: ultimately “death”.

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Associated with tree of death

- It is associated with temptation.
- With doing things “my way”.
- With going against God’s way.

In other words, *man’s temptation to do things his way, not God’s* is what is associated with death. Gen. 2:15-17

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Associated with “the tree of life”

- The results of righteousness is likened to a “tree of life.” **Prov. 11:30; 15:4**
- Trusting in the Lord is related to “lady wisdom” and regarded as a “tree of life”. **Prov. 3:5-7, 18**
- When our hopes (“desires”) are realized it is likened unto a “tree of life”. **Prov. 13:12**

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What does that have to do with us?

- The Genesis account serves as a template for mankind since man's fall from God's grace. Rom. 5:12-17
- Every "sin" equates with us choosing against God wisdom of "good and evil".
- Conversely, God's "righteous act" equates with eternal life. Rom. 5:18-21

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When the end comes

- Those who partake in God's righteousness will have access to the eternal "tree of life".

Rev. 22:1-4

- There will be no temptation nor curse here.
- These are people who desired to keep the commandments of God – to rely on God's will of good and evil. Rev. 22:12-15

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